—Establishing direct business contacts by Indian businessmen with Malaysian counter-parts.

—Effective functioning of Joint Commission and Joint Business Council to solve the existing trade issues with Indonesia.

—A suggestions was also made to Indian firms to take the benefit of Common Effective preferential Tariff (CEPT) system which existed in ASEAN countries which could enable foreign investors to enjoy a tariff concession ASEAN countries if the finished product contained a minimum 40% local content. Indian industr was also advised to concentrate on Indo-China region which offers tremendous potential for trade and investment.

(c) Total imports from and exports to southeast Asian countries i.e. Vietnam, and ASEAN countris during 1987-88 and 1393-94 (April-February) were as under:

(In U&S Million)

	Imports	Exports
1987-88 . . .	1090.93	385.29
1993 -94 (Apr.—Feb.) . .	958.94	1484.33

Demand of Indian mangoes in foreign countries

7354. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the demand for Indian mangoes in foreign countries has increased.

(b) if so, the quantity and quality of mangoes likely to be exported during the year; and

(c) the foreign exchange likely to be earned as a result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE) (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) During the year 1994-95, the estimated exports of 'A' grade mangoes like Alphanso, Kesar, Totapuri, Banganpalli, Dushari etc. is likely to be 30000 metric tons and would earn an estimated foreign exchange equivalent of Rs. 50 crores.

Duty Free Import of Capital Goods

7355. DR. NAUNUHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are allowing duty-free import of capital goods against a high export obligation;

(b) if so. who have been the beneficiaries so far; and

(c) how much loss has occurred to the Exchequer due to this Policy during the year 1993-94 ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) An adhoc exemption order under section 25(2) of the Customs Act has been issued granting exemption from Customs duty on capital goods, toolings and spares valued at approximately Rs. 333 crores to be imported by M/s. Maruti Udyog Limited. The exemption is subject to the condition that M/s. Maruti Udyog Ltd. shall export 1,40,000 YE-2 Cars during the period of seven years commencing from 1st April, 1995. The approximate value of YE-2 Cars to be exported will be Rs. 2100 crores. In case of any shortfall in the export obligation fixed for each year, M/s. Maruti Udyog Limit